

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange – Contract A

Pre-Construction Public Information Center

Monday, December 7, 2015, 6 – 9 pm

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Pre-construction Public Information Center** to inform local residents, officials and the business community about the **Contract A Phase of the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Project located in the Borough of Woodland Park, Township of Little Falls, and the City of Clifton, Passaic County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting:

The Public Information Center will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2015 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Montclair State University, University Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room, 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members.

Background:

The NJDOT is undertaking a project to reconstruct the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange to correct existing operational and safety problems along the Route 46 and Route 3 corridors from Lower Notch Road to Rock Hill Road (Route 46) and from Valley Road to Grove Street (Route 3). In addition, the NJDOT is proposing geometric and intersection improvements to county and municipal roads.

The operational and safety deficiencies along the Route 46 and Route 3 corridors have resulted in a high occurrence of accidents and chronic bottlenecks due to numerous safety conditions. Existing problems include:

- inadequate acceleration and deceleration lanes;
- narrow shoulder widths;
- poor sight distance;
- reduced lanes on Route 3 westbound; and
- deteriorated and substandard bridges.

The Proposed Project:

NJDOT proposes to make operational improvements to the interchanges and improve motorist safety by:

- adding acceleration and deceleration speed change lanes and standard shoulders on Route 46 and Route 3;
- realigning Route 46 to converge westbound and diverge

eastbound with Route 3 from the right side instead of the current left;

- improving the local roadway network by providing a two-way service road (proposed Great Notch Road) on the north side of Route 46 between Notch/Rifle Camp Road and Valley Road;
- constructing a new bridge over Route 46 at Clove Road with a proposed connection to proposed Great Notch Road to improve local access to and from Route 46 westbound; and
- replacing three bridge structures and rehabilitating two others.

Construction Contracts:

An analysis of the overall project was completed to determine ways of phasing the proposed improvements into smaller, independent construction contracts. Consideration was given to utility relocation needs/costs, prioritization of improvements and geometric continuity. This resulted in the identification of two independent construction phases - Contract A and Contract B.

Contract A - From Notch/Rifle Camp Road to just west of Valley Road, the new two-way service road (proposed Great Notch Road) will be constructed along westbound Route 46 to remove local traffic from the State Highway. Construction of Great Notch Road will include three new signalized intersections and one single-lane urban roundabout. The superstructure of the Notch Road/Rifle Camp Road Bridge will be replaced and raised to improve vertical underclearance. A new bridge over Route 46, interchange ramps, and a single-lane urban roundabout will be constructed at Clove Road. Additional structures include two Third River Culverts, five retaining walls, and one noise wall along proposed Great Notch Road.

Contract B - From Lower Notch Road, Notch/Rifle Camp Road to just east of the Valley Road intersection, Route 46 will be widened to provide standard shoulders and acceleration / deceleration / auxiliary lanes, and will be realigned, as needed, to improve sight distance. At the intersection of Route 46 and Route 3, a three-lane section will replace the existing two-lane connections, Route 46 will be realigned to connect with Route 3 from the right side (not the left as presently exists) and complete interchange upgrades will be made. Valley Road will be realigned and a signalized intersection constructed under Contract A will be replaced with a multi-lane urban roundabout. From Route 46 to Grove Street, Route 3 will be widened to provide auxiliary lanes and standard shoulders. The superstructure of the Route 46 Bridge over Lower Notch Road will be replaced.

Project Schedule:

Anticipated Contract A Construction Start Date - December 2015

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